Dewan's reply.—It is the immemorial custom for raiyats to maintain such tanks, we do not say that we will not touch the small tanks. We can only take them when possible and in their turn. Where raiyats do the earthwork, we do the stone work. With regard to the larger tanks and the Rules of 1873, those Rules must be strictly enforced.

Subject No. 215.

Improvement and extension of Hosdurga-Hal Ramesvara road.

Summary of discussion.—The road from Hosdurga to Hal Ramesvara should be improved and extended so as to join the Chitaldroog-Holalkere road near Abnayakanhalli. People dealing in cocoanut from Huliyar and other places go to Bellary by this road. The traffic is heavy.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that this work is under execution.

Subject No. 216.

A dam across the Vedavati near Kannagundi.

Summary of discussion.—A dam should be constructed across the Vedavati river near Kannagundi. This was attempted in former times but given up, because the dam breached for some unknown reason. This project will benefit the lands of Kellodu, Gorivigondanahalli, Bhairapura and Goravankallu, and the Government will get a revenue of about Rs. 2,000.

Dewan's reply.—Will be investigated in the P. W. D.

Subject No. 217.

Increase to Muzrai allowances.

Summary of discussion.—Muzrai Institutions in the Province have been receiving the same small allowances from time immemorial without any increase. There has been an increase of Revenue from all sources, and the expenditure has also been increased in all Departments, except the Muzrai. The allowances to Muzrai Institutions should therefore also be increased now.

Dewan's reply.—We can't afford to do this.

Subject No. 218.

(a) Revenue Commissioner.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*). According to the Revenue Code now in force, a Revenue Commissioner should be appointed and his duties and powers defined.

(b) Separation of Police and Magisterial functions.

(*b*). The Police should be separated from the Magistracy. The pay of the Police Constables and Dafadars should be increased.

(c) System of Honorary Magistrates.

(*c*). Honorary Magistrates should be appointed in Taluks and Districts, men of ability and respectability being selected for the purpose.

(d) Abolition of Sub-Taluks.

(*d*). All existing Sub-Taluks should be constituted into Taluks, the pay of Amildars being properly arranged. There should be a 125 rupees grade among Amildars. The Malnad allowance seems to be an unnecessary one and should be discontinued.

Dewan's reply.—All these are matters for consideration in due and proper time.

Subject No. 219.
Government accommodation for Taluk officials.

Summary of discussion.—It is desirable that the Government should undertake the construction of houses for Taluk officials. This will relieve poor officials from the payment of heavy rents.

Dewan's reply.—No.

Subject No. 220.
Munsiff and Assistant Commissioner for Davangere.

Summary of Discussion.—An Assistant Commissioner and a Munsiff should be stationed at Davangere with jurisdiction over Jagalur, Holalkere, Hosdurga, Davangere and Harihar.

Dewan's reply.—The question is under consideration.

Subject No. 221.
Local Fund Member for Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—A separate Local Fund Member for the Taluk of Davangere is necessary. The present member is an Inamdar from the Harihar Range.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that it seemed desirable, but would necessitate the fixed number being exceeded.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. We shall try and do something to meet the representation made.

Subject No. 222.
Certain powers for Amildars.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars should have powers to dispose of the following matters:—

(1) Change of Revenue Pattas in the names of the heirs of deceased persons.

(2) The power of fining persons unauthorizedly cutting and removing trees from Government land under Section 44 of the Revenue Code.

(3) The power of fining persons for unauthorized cultivation.

(4) The power of dealing with cases of injury to boundary marks under Section 133 of the Revenue Code.

Dewan's reply.—Mutation of Patta names is best disposed of at Jamabandi time. The other powers can be delegated to Amildars. We shall consider.

Subject No. 223.
Transfer of Taluk and District officials.

Summary of discussion.—Government servants in Taluks and Districts should be transferred once in five years at least. To keep them longer in one place is prejudicial to public interests.

Dewan's reply.—No general rule can be prescribed.

Subject No. 224.
Anikat required across Tungabhadra River at Bairanpada.

Summary of discussion.—The desirability of constructing an anikat across the Tungabhadra river near Bairanpada was often urged upon the Government, and the order was that the matter would be investigated in the D. P. W. It is requested that early orders may be issued in the matter.

The Chief Engineer explained that the site mentioned was a good site for an anikat; but as the river itself had no great fall, the channel from the anikat will have to hug